



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Sherry  
4 Goodman of Chicago on Monday, May 16, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, A public broadcasting pioneer and community  
6 servant, Sherry Goodman had a passion for public service that  
7 was evident in whatever project she tackled, from championing  
8 civil rights to pulling off the seemingly impossible in the  
9 not-for-profit world; and

10 WHEREAS, Born in Louisville, she attended Bryn Mawr College  
11 in Pennsylvania before receiving a master's degree in English  
12 from the University of Chicago in 1950; before attending the  
13 University of Chicago, she moved with her first husband, Gordon  
14 Goodman, from Pennsylvania to Chicago; he preceded her in death  
15 in 1966; and

16 WHEREAS, While married to Gordon Goodman, Ms. Goodman had  
17 two sons and began work at the National Conference of  
18 Christians and Jews; in 1968, she began working for the Welfare  
19 Council of Metropolitan Chicago; she married Richard Watt in  
20 1972; and

21 WHEREAS, During the 1960s, Ms. Goodman also was a freelance  
22 producer for WTTW-Channel 11 and helped produce a series on  
23 race relations and children; she eventually was promoted to  
24 director of special audience services before leaving the  
25 station to work on the Museum of Science and Industry's 50th  
26 anniversary celebration in 1983; and

27 WHEREAS, While on the museum staff, she helped organize the  
28 Information Technology Resource Center, which provides  
29 technological assistance to non-profit groups, and became its  
30 first executive director; and

1           WHEREAS, In 1985, she became the founding president and  
2 chief executive of Chicago Access Corp., an organization that  
3 administered public-access television channels in the city;  
4 she retired in 1990, but continued her role in several  
5 community organizations, including Business and Professional  
6 People for the Public Interest and the Chicago Headline Club;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, Sherry was a woman of boundless enthusiasm and  
9 energy - a multi-tasker before we knew the word; she had a  
10 special talent for friendship; and

11           WHEREAS, Sherry is remembered as brilliant and  
12 level-headed; her passing has been deeply felt by many,  
13 especially her husband, Richard Watt; her sons, Blair and Thom  
14 Goodman; her stepsons, Douglas and Alan Watt; and her nine  
15 grandchildren; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we mourn the passing of Sherry Goodman, and we extend our  
19 sincerest condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
20 and loved her; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest  
23 sympathy.